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Honorable Harold Rogers
House of Representatives
343 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Rogers:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Mayor Milton Roberts of Monticello, Kentucky. Your constituent complains about rate increases by Falcon Cable Company in advance of the implementation of the Cable Act of 1992.

The Commission has a clear understanding that Congress adopted the Cable Act of 1992 to constrain unreasonable cable rates. The Commission is in the process of formulating rules implementing the rate provisions of the law and is seeking public comment on those provisions that address rate rollbacks, refunds, and evasions of statutory requirements. The Commission will attempt to implement these provisions faithfully, and will consider the conduct of the cable industry during the interim period in deciding what kind of regulation is needed.

Your constituent's letter will be placed in the record of this proceeding so that the Commission can be mindful of his concerns during its deliberations. I trust that the foregoing and the enclosures are informative.

Sincerely,

Roy J. Stewart

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Chief, Mass Media Bureau

Enclosures

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Milton Roberts	inq. re: rate regulation & 92 Cable Act

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-1705
December 11, 1992

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Ms. Marjorie Reed Greene
F.C.C.
1919 M Street, N.W.
Room 614
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Greene:

I am referring to you a letter from Mayor Milton Roberts of Monticello, Kentucky, regarding a letter he received from Falcon Cable Company.

It seems that this cable company may be raising its rates. Mayor Roberts is interested in knowing if there is a way this can be protested, though the FCC will not be issuing new guidelines until the Spring of 1993.

I would appreciate hearing back from you as soon as possible about this issue. If you need more information, please let me know.

Sincerely,



HAROLD ROGERS
Member of Congress

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November 13, 1992

Congressman Harold Rogers
Room 343
Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Increased TV Cable Rates

Dear Congressman Rogers:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I received from Falcon Cable Company informing me that they propose to raise the rates on our TV Cable service in the near future.

Mr. Baker informs me in his letter, as you will see, that the new Cable Act goes into effect December 5, 1992, but the FCC will not issue guidelines and regulations until probably April, 1993.

If you can advise me what valid steps we may take to protest this increase, we would appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

Milton Roberts, Mayor

Enclosure

October 30, 1992

Mr. Milton Roberts, Mayor
City of Monticello
P.O. Box 550
Monticello, KY 42633

Dear Mayor Roberts:

As we approach the end of 1992, we again find ourselves facing the reality that our costs have continued to climb and our capital commitments continue to increase.

We recognize that times are tough and we are always looking for ways to reduce our operating expenses while continuing to strive to improve our service. Unfortunately, even with our expense/capital control efforts, we find we must institute a modest rate adjustment. As we have indicated in past correspondences with you, we are not yet making a profit.

As you are aware, Congress recently passed a new cable TV law. The new Cable Act provisions go into effect on December 5, 1992. However, The FCC will not issue its rate and customer service guidelines until April, 1993. One part of the new law does permit the establishment of guidelines for basic cable rates. Some local residents may believe that the legislation prohibits rate adjustment by cable companies. This is actually not true. While the legislation is meant to prevent excessive cable rates, it does permit reasonable rate increases which may be needed by the cable companies in an attempt to earn a **REASONABLE PROFIT**. The new law seeks to ensure that the rates for local cable service are "reasonable". We believe our increases and rates are reasonable.

Within the next few days, you will receive a copy of the rate adjustment letter being sent to all of our customers. In this letter, we cover the reasons behind our adjustments and the change they should see on the monthly bill. The letter also highlights the many positive aspects our business has on the community and how much we appreciate them as a customer.

As always, if I can be of service or answer any questions, please feel free to call upon me.

Sincerely,


General Manager